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2.	National Leprosy Eradication Programme	301.00
3.	National Tuberculosis Control Programme	450.00
4.	National Programme for Control of Blindness	448.00
5.	National AIDS Control Programme including Blood Safety measures and National S.T.D. Control Programme	760.00

Affairs of DDG(TB)

3084. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDG(TB) has failed in T.B. Programme because of lack of knowledge;

(b) how many times DDG(TB) has gone on foreign tours and the amount spent; and

(c) whether DDG(TB) has availed courtesy of Novartis, the Multi-national company; if so, what action Government propose to take against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. DDG(TB) has rich experience in management of National Health Programmes. He has been Programme Manager of National of National TB Control Programme (NTCP) since July, 1996.

Under the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), there have been very good achievements. Out of every 10 patients treated, 8 have been cured as compared to about 4 out of 10 under the conventional programme. All the patients have laboratory confirmation of the disease, compared with less than one in 4 in the previous programme and death rate under RNTCP has been reduced to about 5% compared to about 20% under the conventional National TB Control Programme (NTCP). Till date more than 5,00,000 patients have been put on treatment and more than 75,000 deaths and more 9 lakhs tuberculosis infections prevented. Though until late 1996, only 3.5 million population of India was covered

under the revised strategy, there has been large scale expansion starting from 3rd quarter of 1998 and the present coverage is more than 330 million population.

(b) DDG(TB) has gone on foreign tours with the approval of Department of Health, Government of India in connection with Programme activities. Details of foreigners tours by DDG(TB) and the sources of expenditure are given in the Statement. (see below)

(c) No Sir.

Statement

*List of foreign tours performed by DDG(TB) for the last three years
(As on 16th February, 2001)*

1. Short Term Consultant WHO at DPR Korea from 27th May to 19th June, 1999.
2. 9th Governing Board Meeting of the SAARC Tuberculosis Centre from 27—29th October, 1999 at Kathmandu, Nepal.
3. Pre-Conference Meeting from 18—20th January, 2000 in Bangkok, Thailand on behalf of the Stop TB Initiative Programme of the World Health Organization.
4. Meeting sponsored by SOROS foundation on 10.7.2000 followed by Stop TB Planning meeting on 11th & 12th July, 2000 at New York.
5. Meeting at Florence (Italy) from 31st August to 1st September, 2000 and accepted the IUALTD Public Health Karel Styblo Award.
6. 6th Meeting of National Tuberculosis Programme Managers in Kathmandu, Nepal from 19—22nd October, 2000.
7. International Workshop organized by WHO to accelerate DOTS expansion, Cairo, Egypt from 20—22nd November, 2000.
8. SAARC-WHO Meeting of Potential Consultants in TB Control, 22—24th January, 2001, Kathmandu, Nepal.

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Source of Expenditure

Foreign Tour have been undertaken with prior approval of Government of India for the interest of the National TB Control Programme. All travel costs etc. were borne by WHO.

Cases registered by FDCA against Chemists

3085. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered by FDCA against chemists, for selling sub-standard medicines and drugs, infringing the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules; and

(b) the names of chemists and manufacturers of such drugs and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Approach road to Tezpur University

3086. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the original road from Tezpur Town to the Campus of Tezpur (Central) University at Napam Tezpur in Assam has been washed away by floods which has created lot of difficulties to students, teachers, employees, etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that now the staff, students and teachers of the University have to come from town by another temporary road of very poor condition, every day, passing through an Army Cantonment area, with lots of difficulties; and

(c) if so, whether the University has submitted any proposal for the same to the Government of India and the Assam Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The University had submitted a proposal seeking permission